

## Committee Meeting

Location: Blair County Convention Center (Lower Level)

April 22, 2026: 4:00PM



Present - Jeremy Burkett, Michael Cacciotti, Elizabeth Campbell, Ralph Cecere, Charles Glasser, Chuck Gojmerac, Stacy Kuster, Tish Maclay, Jennifer McConnell, Jacquelyn Mento, Chad Packer, Molly Pomeroy-Hoover, Brian Randall, Timothy Regan, Phil Riccio, Chris Rickens, Richard Schreier, Cullen Stokes, Curtis Whitesel, and Matthew Young.

Others Present: Mark Byers and Alex Mykut

Absent - Tina Greene and Jody Rainey.

Call to Order: Chairman Cecere called the April 22, 2026 meeting of the District VI Committee to order at 4pm at Blair County Convention Center.

1. Public Comment - There was no public comment.
2. Hearings - There were no hearings held.
3. Approval of Past Minutes - On a motion by Chris Rickens and Elizabeth Campbell, the Committee unanimously approved the minutes of the March 16, 2026 meeting.
4. Financial Report(s) - Mrs. Mento
  - 4.A. District 6 Monthly Expenses/Revenue Report - On a motion by Curtis Whitesel and Michael Cacciotti, the Committee unanimously approved the District VI monthly financial report for March.
  - 4.B. Financial Accounts - Jacquelyn Mento provided a handout of the financial accounts to the Committee.
  - 4.C. Ralph Cecere discussed the rate information for the additional financial account that was approved at the March meeting.
5. Old Business - Committee
  - 5.A. District 6 Tournament Structure (Handbook Pages) - Ralph Cecere informed the Committee that the District 6 Tournament Structure will be added to New Business in June. Fall brackets are available, and sport chairs were advised to note regional bracket changes.
  - 5.B. PIAA PHEAA Scholarship Selected - Scholarship recipients for District VI have been selected. Mr. Cecere thanked those involved in the process.
  - 5.C. 2027 Basketball Championships - Mr. Cecere informed the Committee Championship dates were moved up one week to March 18–20, 2027 to avoid Easter.
  - 5.D. Basketball shot clocks coming 2028-29 - Basketball shot clocks continue as a discussion, with several schools planning to install shot clocks soon.
  - 5.E. Game Management Best Practices - Game management best practices will be reviewed at the banquet to ensure consistent game management.
  - 5.F. Cash Ticket Sales - Ralph Cecere shared that one spectator expressed concerns about cash ticket pricing. Cullen Stokes reported that basketball cash sales went smoothly, with only a few outstanding district payments.

6. New Business - Committee

6.A. Track & Field Admission - Phil Riccio conversed on Track and Field admission where tickets are usually five dollars online and going to ten the day of for cash sales. After discussion, the Committee approved Track & Field ticket pricing at \$8 for a two-day pass and \$5 per day for cash sales.

6.B. Annual Meeting Plan - Ralph Cecere shared the banquet agenda.

6.C. Bishop McCort GBB Classification 4:45PM – Athletic Director Erika Strittmatter and Assistant AD Rich Price explained their late submission. On a motion by Richard Schreier and Michael Cacciotti, the Committee on a 11 yes, 6 no vote to approve Bishop McCort for AA classification in girls’ basketball for 26, 27, and 28 seasons.

6.D. Spectator Incident PC @ RV BBB 2/19/26 5PM – Ralph Cecere announced that the results of the February incident remain pending.

6.E. HB 41 Boundary/Nonboundary - PIAA Executive Director Mark Byers updated the Committee on ongoing discussions regarding House Bill 41.

6.F. Four-man crew for all District VI Baseball & Softball playoff games – The Committee conversed on four-man crews for all baseball and softball games. On a motion by Tish Maclay and Timothy Regan, the Committee approved piloting four-man officiating crews for all District VI baseball and softball playoff games, with a final decision to follow the 2026 season.

7. Eligibility: Transfers, Exchange/International Students, Postseason Ineligibility Waivers  
 (\*Principal Sign-off, ^Executive Approved - to be Affirmed by Committee Vote, #Hearing)

Green - Eligible or Post Season Waiver Granted

Red - Ineligible or Post Season Waiver Denied

Yellow - Further Information Being Requested by the Committee

Name	Gr	Transfer	Sport(s)	Motion
Brayden Hartzell*	8	Conemaugh Valley to Bishop Carroll	Basketball	Bracken, Maclay (Randall abstain)
Blake Harbst*	10	Huntingdon to Juniata Valley	Baseball	Bracken, Maclay
Yuanyuan Yang	9	Ontario to Penns Manor	Basketball	Bracken, Maclay
Jayden O’Farrill*	10	Bishop McCort to State College	Wrestling	May Meeting
<b>Transfer - Regular Season Approved/Postseason Ineligible</b>				
Stefan Noronha*	10	Bishop McCort to State College	Wrestling	May Meeting
Jack Silfies*	10	Bishop McCort to State College	Wrestling	May Meeting
Summer Klucik*	10	Windber to Bishop McCort	Soccer	Glasser, Schreier
Peyton Willis	12	Sussex Central to Phillipsburg Osceola	Track & Field	Glasser, Schreier
Latrell Barroner	11	Williamsburg to Hollidaysburg	Track & Field	Glasser, Schreier

Postseason Ineligibility Waiver Requests				
Aiden Poulus	11	United	Soccer, Track	Randall, Kuster
Blake Harbst	10	Juniata Valley	Baseball	Rickens, Maclay
Tristan Marcionette	11	Bellefonte Area	Track & Field	Maclay, Young
<b>Ineligible - Athletic Intent</b>				
None				
<b>Exchange/International Student</b>				
None				

8. Officials / Disqualifications - Mrs. Campbell, Mr. Rickens
  - 8.A. Disqualifications - Chris Rickens reported four new disqualifications since March meeting, bringing the yearly total to forty-two: thirty-two players (including twenty-two supplemental) and ten coaches (including three supplemental).
  - 8.B. Officials Recruitment - Mr. Rickens discussed the \$300 stipend for high school junior officials and those who are in college.
  - 8.C. Elizabeth Campbell and Chris Rickens emphasized the importance of accurate, factual, and unembellished disqualification reports. Mrs. Campbell encouraged officials to take notes during games to ensure accuracy when submitting reports afterward.
  - 8.D. Chris Rickens announced Spring Officials Week is approaching. Districts are encouraged to submit photos for posting on the District VI website.
  - 8.E. Mr. Rickens announced that District VI basketball Interpreter, Sean Albright has resigned and that a Committee will be needed to select the new incumbent. Cullen Stokes, Curtis Whitesel, Brian Randall, Charles Glasser, Tish Maclay, and Matthew Young agreed to be on the selection Committee.
  
9. Sportsmanship - Mr. Schreier
  - 9.A. Dean Rossi Sportsmanship Awards - Mr. Schreier announced that all Dean Rossi Sportsmanship Awards and checks are prepared for distribution at the annual banquet.
  
10. Athletic Director Reports - Ms. Maclay, Mr. Riccio, and Mr. Stokes indicated that there were no reports to present from the athletic directors.
  
11. D6 Awards/Promotions - Mr. Rainey - Mr. Cecere announced that District VI has ordered 300 additional shirts for promotions.
  
12. Sport Reports
  - 12.A. Fall
    - 12.A.1. Girls Tennis - On a motion by Matthew Young and Chris Rickens, the Committee unanimously approved the financial report for girls' tennis as presented by Phil Riccio.

12.B. Winter

- 12.B.1. Basketball - On a motion by Michael Cacciotti and Stacy Kuster, the Committee unanimously approved the financial report for basketball as presented by Cullen Stokes and Chris Rickens.
- 12.B.2. Swimming and Diving - On a motion by Phil Riccio and Chad Packer, the Committee unanimously approved the financial report for swimming and diving as presented by Curtis Whitesel.
- 12.B.3. Wrestling - On a motion by Chris Rickens and Molly Pomeroy-Hoover, the Committee unanimously approved the financial report for wrestling as presented by Phil Riccio.
- 12.B.4. Competitive Cheer - On a motion by Richard Schreier and Phil Riccio, the Committee unanimously approved the financial report for competitive spirit as presented by Molly Pomeroy-Hoover.

12.C. Ralph Cecere commended the Committee for their dedication and extensive service to District VI.

13. CO-OPs (Forming and Terminating) - There were no co-ops.

- 13.A. Forming
- 13.B. Terminating

14. Communication –

- 14.A. Brian Randall suggested having students perform National Anthem during championships, to showcase the many other talents in District VI, in lieu of recordings.
- 14.B. The Committee conversed on the unforgettable contributions that Robert Sauerwien had done for the Committee over the years and through the effort of Michael Cacciotti the Friends of District VI Award that will be presented to the Robert Sauerwien Family at the banquet later this evening.

15. Executive Session - An executive session was not held at this meeting.

16. For the Good of the Order - Committee

- 16.A. Next Meeting: May 11, 3:30PM, Hollidaysburg SH Library

17. Adjournment: On a motion by Phil Riccio and Timothy Regan, the Committee adjourned the meeting at 5:43pm.